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2001-2003 Statutory Language Proposals

Division: Forestry

Bureau: Forestry

Issue/Topic: Eligibility for Wisconsin Urban Forestry Grants

Proposed Change:

The proposed legislation would amend s23.097(1) Wis. Stats. to allow Wisconsin towns, counties and nonprofit organizations to be eligible for state funded urban forestry grants. The amended statute is proposed to read: **23.097 Urban forestry grants.** (1) The department shall award grants to counties, cities, villages, towns and not-for-profit organizations for up to 50% of the cost of tree management plans, tree inventories, brush residue projects, the development of tree management ordinances, tree disease evaluations, public education concerning trees in urban areas and other tree projects.

Explanatory Note:

The state funded Wisconsin Urban Forestry Grant program is authorized by s23.097 Wis stats. and NR 47 Wis. Admin Code. Counties, townships, and nonprofit organizations **are not** eligible for state funded urban forestry grants under this statute. However, counties, towns, and nonprofit organizations **are** eligible for federally funded urban forestry grants under NR 47. This difference creates administrative problems for the bureaus of Forestry, Community Financial Assistance and Finance, and the Regions, but more importantly it limits funds available to counties, towns, and nonprofit organizations due to the limited federal funds available for the program. High quality urban forestry projects have gone unfunded as a result.

The proposed statute change would authorize counties, town, and nonprofits as well as cities and villages to be eligible for state funded urban forestry grants.

Desired Effective Date: Passage of the biennial budget.

Contract Person: Eric Thompson, Management & Budget, 266-8251



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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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2 management ordinances, tree disease evaluations, public education concerning
3 trees in urban areas and other tree projects.

4 History: 1991 a. 39, 269; 1993 a. 213.

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5 **23.097 (1) (a)** In this ^{sub}section, a “nonprofit organization” means an organization
6 that is described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is
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